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**SOURCE** A Hungarian refugee in Austria

1. When Dzse SZILYOK arrived in Austria, he found Perenc FAGY on good terms with the Americans; since he had very little esteem for FAGY and was extremely jealous of his own reputation, he was glad to secure French support. In conversation with French officers, SZILYOK repeatedly mentioned France's role as a leading European nation, and French understanding of European problems; he emphasized that France was the only continental nation among the great western powers. He asked Arpad KISS, his liaison agent with French authorities to translate some of his speeches to the Hungarian Parliament, in which he made reference to France. After ingratiating himself with French officials, SZILYOK was approached by the B/Doc, through Col FOURCOURT, who requested him to form a committee of Hungarian emigres in which all Hungarian political parties, excepting the Communists, were to be represented. This political committee was to serve only as a front, since the real interest of the French was to develop a Hungarian military and intelligence organization. Efforts were also made by the French to organize similar groups with Romanian and Yugoslav nationals.
2. SZILYOK promised to cooperate and form such a committee within a few months, but failed to do so because of difficulties encountered (Field Comment: See HAV-554). The B/Doc pressed repeatedly for the committee to be formed before SZILYOK left for the United States. The latter, however, lost his zeal when he saw he could not win the cooperation of other important Hungarian personalities in exile who opposed the organization since it was based solely on French support and since it provided for inclusion of compromised Arrow Cross members in the committee. When SZILYOK failed to form his projected committee, relations between him and the French became strained.
3. SZILYOK spent a few days in Paris before he left for the United States. While SZILYOK was in Paris, the French authorities brought him into contact with Perenc KISS. The latter had been instructed by Col. FOURCOURT to visit a few important personalities in France, among them Dr. KISS, Dr. KISS, Dr. KISS, and a priest named Dr. KISS, and through them exert influence on SZILYOK so that he might be won over completely in favor of the French plan. KISS received instructions from Col. FOURCOURT to change the position of the aforementioned Hungarian personalities including SZILYOK, in the Hungarian emigre group headed by Perenc FAGY and Koloman.

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United States. At the same time, Gustav KISBARNAKI was sent by KISBARNAKI-PARKAS to Paris to win the support of General ZAKO and others for a French-sponsored group in Italy.

4. After numerous and lengthy consultations with other Hungarian political figures, QUINON refused to enter into a venture based solely on French support, and was unwilling to offer the services of his group for the exclusive benefit of France. He allegedly told French officials that he would not tolerate establishment of a Hungarian legion in North Africa.
  5. The 3/100 also approached Jeno KOSVICS, former Peasant Party leader, who is regarded by sources as thoroughly reliable despite rumors that his wife is a member of the CP. Source has heard that 3/100 officials believe this rumor was circulated by the Americans.
  6. The French have as yet been unable to organize Rumanian and Yugoslav exile groups to their satisfaction, and for that reason, they attach particular importance to the Hungarian exile group.
  7. KISBARNAKI-PARKAS is on excellent terms with Col. FOURCOURT of the 1/200; the latter, who lives in Paris, visits the French Zone of Austria frequently. KISBARNAKI-PARKAS is also in constant contact with Col. ANDRAN, now stationed in Innsbruck. Col. ANDRAN is another French official who visited KISBARNAKI-PARKAS in Innsbruck in contact with KISBARNAKI-PARKAS. During the war Col. ANDRAN was with the French resistance movement and allegedly infiltrated the Vichy side in on a high level.
  8. Other French I.S. officials in contact with the Hungarian exile group are: 1st Lt. DEBENYI (phonetic) and Lt. ANDRAN, formerly a French liaison officer in the American Zone of Austria, whose wife is Hungarian. Two members of the KOSVICS group, Andras KOSVICS and Andras KOSVICS, formerly officers for the Andras KOSVICS group, both former career officers in their early thirties. French plans call for a Hungarian intelligence group consisting of 10 to 20 men headed by A. ZAKO; most of these men are now stationed in the American Zones of Germany and Austria. This group is also to include an offensive intelligence unit, the aim of which would be to penetrate the officers corps of the new Hungarian army.
- Gen. Andras* is resentful of KISBARNAKI-PARKAS' political maneuvering, and has requested that he consider himself primarily a soldier. ZAKO maintains that once they are back in Hungary, they can have a political regime of their own choice and there is no point in playing politics now. ZAKO has been instructed by French officials to select his agents only from long-time opponents of Communism. There is no objection to former Arrow Cross members nor to persons with Arrow Cross contacts, but all activities must be thoroughly controlled by the French I.S.
10. While the French I.S. seeks to win support of Hungarian exiles by claiming that the Americans failed for a long time to offer such exiles any assistance, the French are well aware that it is impossible to avoid American knowledge of their operations. Andras KOSVICS, a former KOSVICS leader and KOSVICS, for example, were expelled from ZAKO's organization because they were suspected of working for the American I.S. in Austria. ZAKO has complained on several occasions that he does not have an adequate flow of intelligence reports. Source believes that French officials shirked ZAKO's men for direct contact, so that any reports are received directly by the French without passing through the Hungarian side.
  11. KISBARNAKI-PARKAS has been advised recently by French officials to transfer his residence from the American Zone of Germany to the French Zone of Austria.

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CIC SOI, subject: Service de Documentation  
Exterieur et Contre Espionage, dated 17 April  
1947, reports FOURCOULT as directing the op-  
erations of the SOURCE.

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KISBARNAKI-PARKAS

Rome #048, dated 20 March 1947, mentions  
Gen. Parkas DE KISBARNAK, ex 1st Germany, as  
in contact with STOMFAL-STITZ, leader of the  
Christian Nationalist League Group in Austria.

KOVACS

MAVA-757

KOVACS, Attila

MAVA-1518, VJEN #1836, 12 August 1946, states  
that KOVACS, former Hungarian career officer  
now employed by G/Doc, Innsbruck, may pos-  
sibly be id/w Istvan KOVACS. The latter, ac-  
cording to WASH #7025, is running an intelli-  
gence chain into Hungary from Bad Hall near  
Innsbruck.

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ZAKO

As stated in NCG-A-641, ZAKO is believed  
id/w Istvan ZAKO, reported in 1934 as a  
former Arrow Cross member now operating an  
intelligence chain into Hungary and believed  
to be working for the French.

WASH #1366, dated 25 August 1946, reports  
that ZAKO has been using the alias of Istvan  
KOVACS in Bad Hall (see under MAVA-757 above).

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